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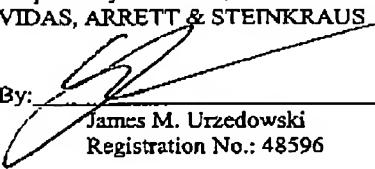
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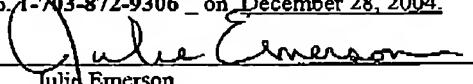
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2004.

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Please amend the application as follows: